

Appl. No. 10/624,923
Amdt. dated February 28, 2006
Reply to Office Action of September 6, 2005

Atty. Ref. 89277.0004
Customer No. 26021

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. In Fig. 4, arrows 70a and 70b have been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Extension of Time

A request for a three month extension of the period for response to the office action mailed on September 6, 2005 is enclosed. The extended period for response expires on March 6, 2006.

Drawings

The Action objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) and asserts that the drawings must show at least one lens having a directivity that causes light emitted by the light emitting elements to be directed in the horizontal direction, as recited in claims 1, 5, 11 and 14. In response, Fig. 4 is amended to show light emitted by light emitting elements 23, designated by arrows 70a, that is redirected in the horizontal direction, designated by arrows 70b, by at least one of lenses 24 and 25. This amendment merely makes Fig. 4 consistent with the description in the specification. No new matter is added.

To be consistent with the amendment to Fig. 4, the specification (page 8, lines 7-15) is also amended to include reference to arrows 70a and 70b.

Claim Status

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13, 14 and 17-21 were presented. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 14 and 17-21 are canceled, without prejudice. Thus, claims 11 and 13 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 11 and 13 is noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claims 4, 9 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Since claims 4, 9 and 19-21 are canceled, without prejudice, these grounds for rejection are moot.

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Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 14 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Sasajima (US 5,241,457). Since claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 14 and 17-21 are canceled, without prejudice, these grounds for rejection are moot.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 4

